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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 9: SKIMMED MILK
MIXING REGULATIONS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: EC AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS BRIEFED THE FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL WHICH WAS HELD IN BRUSSELS ON FEBRUARY 9 ON HIS NEW DRAFT PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE THE COMMUNITY'S SKIMMED MILK STOCKS. NO DECISION WAS TAKEN BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS. IF APPROVED BY THE COCOMMISSION, THE PROPOSAL WILL NEXT COME BEFORE THE AGRICULTURE COUNCIL MEETING IN BRUSSELS FEBRUARY 16-18. (OTHER SUBJECTS COVERED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE REPORTED SEPTELS.)
END SUMMARY.

2. SKIMMED MILK MIXING REGULATIONS: EC COMMISSIONER FOR AGRICULTURE LARDINOIS BRIEFED THE COUNCIL ON HIS NEW DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR ELIMINATING 600,000 TONS OF SKIMMED MILK POWDER. LARDINOIS TOLD THE COUNCIL OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH AGRICULTURE SECRETARY BUTZ AND OTHER US OFFICIALS SAYING THAT THE US DISPLAYED "COMPREHENSION FOR THE (COMMUNITY'S) PROPOSAL". OUR SOURCES INDICATE THAT LARDINOIS DID NOT GIVE FIGURES AS TO THE AMOUNT OF THE DEPOSIT PROPOSED FOR THE PERCENTAGE OF
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SKIMMED MILK PURCHASES WHICH WOULD BE SET OFF AGAINST IMPORTED

FEED. HE EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE THERE WOULD BE SOME EFFECTS ON TRADE, IT WAS HIS ESTIMATION THAT A MAXIMUM OF THREE PERCENT OF THE COMMUNITY'S SOYBEAN IMPORTS WOULD BE AFFECTED. A NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES RESPONDED TO LARDINOIS' PRESENTATION MENTIONING THE RECENT US REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING THE PROBLEM.

3. FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES MADE REFERENCE TO THE US SOY EMBARGO NOTING THAT PERHAPS THE TEMPORARY APPLICATION OF THE DRAFT PROPOSED MIXING REGULATION WOULD MEET WITH "COMPREHENSION" IF CONTRASTED WITH THE US EMBARGO.

4. UK FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN, SUPPORTED BY DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL, URGED THAT ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR REDUCING THE COMMUNITY'S SKIMMED MILK STOCKS BE EXPLORED BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MIXING REGULATION. IN PARTICULAR, CALLAGHAN SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING THE COMMUNITY'S FOOD AID. LARDINOIS REPORTEDLY RESPONDED THAT APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF THE SKIMMED MILK STOCK WAS ALREADY SET ASIDE FOR FOOD AID AND THAT THE COMMISSION , IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AGRICULTURE COUNCIL, WOULD LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING THIS.

5. GERMANY, SECONDED BY THE UK AND SEVERAL OTHER MEMBER STATES, ASKED, IF THE MIXING REGULATION WERE IMPLEMENTED, COULD THEY BE ASSURED THAT EXCESS STOCKS WOULD NOT BECOME A PROBLEM AGAIN. THEY RECEIVED, WE UNDERSTAND, SO SUCH ASSURANCES.

6. THE PROPOSED MIXING REGULATION WILL, WE UNDERSTAND, NEXT BE CONSIDERED BY THE SPECIAL AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE BEFORE BEING BROUGHT UP AS PART OF THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY PRICE REVIEW AT THE AGRICULTURE COUNCIL WHICH WILL BE HELD IN BRUSSELS FEBRUARY 16-18. MORRIS

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